

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the consideration of the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the examiner for pointing out that claims 3, 24, 45 and 66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicant has amended these claims accordingly as well as claims 15, 17, 36, 38, 57, 59, 78, 80, 82, and 84. Claims 1-2, 19-23, 40-44, 61-65, and 86-107 have been canceled without prejudice.

After this amendment, claims 4-18 depend directly or indirectly upon independent claim 3, claims 25-39 depend directly or indirectly upon independent claim 24, claims 46-60 depend directly or indirectly upon independent claim 45, and claims 67-85 depend directly or indirectly upon independent claim 66.

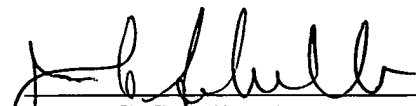
Thus, all remaining, non-canceled claims are allowable and this amendment should be entered.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
Furthermore, if an extension is required, Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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